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Cromwell Advertisements



DAVID A. JOLLY & CO., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FAMILY GROCERS, AND WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding districts for the liberal encouragement they have received since opening the above establishment; and as they intend devoting their attention exclusively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade, they confidently hope, from their connection in Dunedin, to be able to place before the public a genuine class of goods, well and carefully selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. They would respectfully invite attention more especially to the following articles in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultanah, and Eleme
Jams, Jellies, Pickles and Sauces
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby, Twist, Barrett's
Twist, Old Sport, andromatic
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene
Candles of the best brands
Soyas—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in
bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.
Wakatip Oats, Wheat and Chaff
SPIRITS.
Islay Whisky—Arbog's and Long Jones'
Hennessey's and Martell's Brandy, in bulk
and case
J.D.K.Z. Geneva
Barrett's Old Tom
Lenon Hart's Rum in bulk
Porter—Blood's, Bass's, and Guinness's.
CORDIALS.
Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Peppermint,
Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.
Dr Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods delivered in all parts of the district at Cromwell prices.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO., HAVING RECEIVED A NEW AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF

IRONMONGERY

Beg to call public attention to the following:—

Blasting
Powder and
Fuse; Long and
Short handle Shovels;
Picks, Pick Handles, and
Sluice Forks; Pannikins, Gold
Dishes, Billies; Galvanised Iron
Buckets; American Tubs, Buckets, and
Brooms; Axes and Handles; Manila Rope
for mining purposes; Drilling Hammers and
Handles; White Lead; Castor Oil in bulk;
Washing-boards; Brushware of every
description; Nails; Canvas; Hose
Pipes—Contract undertaken
for supplying Mining Co.'s
with Material of all
kinds, on liberal
terms. Free
delivery.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.'S
DEPOT FOR MINING TOOLS,
CROMWELL.

SHAMROCK STORE, CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY,
FAMILY GROCER,
GENERAL STOREKEEPER,
is carrying on business at the old-established
premises, next to the Bank of New South Wales,
Melmore-street.

The BEST QUALITY of GOODS only
is kept in stock.

All orders will meet with prompt attention

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BELFAST STORE, CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WINE, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARD-
WARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE,
&c. &c. &c.

JAMES HAZLETT

Begs to inform the Public of the Dunstan Dis-
trict, that, in connection with his established
business of ten years at Clyde, he has opened
EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL,
where he will be able to supply the Trade, Run-
holders, Farmers, and Private Families, with
EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best
description, at the lowest current rates.

JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention
that in the FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE
BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that
line he is in connection with Messrs. WHITTING-
HAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the
largest buyers in the Lake District.

J. HAZLETT, being a CASH-BUYER in the
Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident
he can sell the cheapest and best article in the
District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

JAMES HAZLETT,

CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

VICTORIA STORE, CROMWELL.

I. WRIGHT,

DRAPER, CLOTHIER, HOSIER,
HABERDASHER, AND
GENERAL STOREKEEPER.

I. WRIGHT is now offering an assortment of
NEW and CHEAP GOODS, in

DRESS MATERIALS—Prints, Wineys, Alpacaes,
all-wool Plaids, French Merinos, &c.

Calicoes, Flannels, Blankets, Quilts
Toilet Covers, Matting and Druggeting
Ladies and Children's Underclothing
BABY LINEN.

Also, a well-selected stock of
Women and Children's Boots and Shoes, in
leather, kid, and cashmere

Ladies and Children's Hats, trimmed and un-
trimmed

Ironmongery, Glass, Crockery
Patent Medicines, Fancy Goods
Toys, Jewellery, Cutlery, Stationery
Perfumery, Musical Instruments
Bedlin and other Wools
Paperhangings, Brushware
Tobacco and Cigars

and other Goods too numerous to mention.

NEWSAGENT.

JOHN MARSH.

"VALUE FOR MONEY."

BRIDGE HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

STARKEY'S

KAWARAU HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

Having purchased the above well-known hotel,
G. M. STARKEY begs to inform his numerous
friends, and the public generally, that it will
be his study to maintain the high reputation the
KAWARAU HOTEL has long since acquired for
comfort.

One of Alcock's prize Billiard Tables (quite new.)

Wines and Spirits of the very best quality.

An efficient Groom always in attendance.

Cromwell Advertisement

HALLENSTEIN and Co., GENERAL IMPORTERS, CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, ARROWTOWN, & MELBOURNE.

WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants generally to
our Large Stock, as enumerated in this advertisement. It does not detail all the articles
we keep, for to do so would be almost impossible. We have endeavored to enumerate all the
principal articles of each class; but every want necessary in a Mining, Agricultural, and Pastoral
community can be supplied.

All our purchases being for cash, we thus possess an advantage that few are able to avail
themselves of.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, with the
conviction that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed, and the articles found
to be of good value.

Drapery.—The attention of Ladies is respectfully directed to this Department. It will be
found replete with all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets, and arrangements
have been made for regular shipments per each steamer.

Dresses, in silks, fancy and black; alpacaes, challies, mohairs, winecoys, muslins, prints, coburgs
Shawls, all-wool plaids, French merinos, skirtings, jackets, &c.
Hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, laces, trimmings of all kinds
Ladies' and Children's Underclothing.—Our stock will be found the largest and best-assorted
on the Gold-fields

Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed
Feathers, flowers, corsets, chignons, &c.

A large assortment of white and coloured flannels, serge and cricketing; calicoes and sheet-
ings; and every other article required in the trade.

Slop Department.—Men's Suits, Paget and sac; boys' ditto, Leopold, Stanley, sac, and
knickerbocker; Trousers and vests, all kinds

Trousers, in silk mixture, doeskin, tweed, cotton, Bedford cord, and moleskin
Shirts—white dress, regatta, Crimean, serge, Scotch twill, tweed, and jain

Pants and under-shirts, in flannel, lambswool, serge, merino, and cotton
Men's and boys' Hosiery, of all kinds

Hats—straw, merino, tweed, silk-stitched, felt, and plush, in all the latest shapes
Waterproof coats, overalls, leggings and sou'-westers; monkey jackets and pilot coats

All the above Goods are to our special order.

Boots and Shoes.—A splendid assortment, consisting of:

Ladies', girls', and children's boots, in kid, cashmere, morocco, and leather
Slippers—canvas, patent leather (plain and fur-trimmed), sheepskin, and carpet

Men's and boys' boots—elastic-side, Balmoral, Blucher, Wellington, half-Wellington, and
riding boots; Colonial water-tights, made to our order in Melbourne

Gum-boots—Hayward's North British and Liverpool; Handy's budgets.

Groceries and Provisions.—Teas, coffees, sugars, candles, soaps, raisins, salmon, &c. &c.

Wines and Spirits.—Brandy, rum, whisky, gin; port, sherry; light wines; bitters.

Ironmongery. Mining Tools, and Agricultural Implements.—Avisils, axes, augers, adzes,

hatchets, bells, bags, blacking, brushes (all kinds), baking-dishes, billies, braces and bits,
black-lead, bellows, boilers, bedsteads, balis, blocks, candlesticks, chains (various), can-
dle-moulds, calenders, compasses, chisels, coal-scuttles, scoop and vase; corkscrews, cof-
fin furniture, cash-boxes, door-scrappers, drippers, egg-whisks, slice and cups; fuse, fry-
ing-pans, funnels, files, fenders and fire-irons, fish-hooks, gimblets, grindstones, graters,
glue, gridirons, gold-blowers, dishes and sieves, grates, gads, gans, glue-pots, hammers
(all kinds), hoes, jelly-moulds, knives, a large assortment; knives and forks, knife-boards,
kettles, lanterns, locks, ladles, milk dishes, cans, strainers, sieves, and yokes; measuring
tapes, mops, mallets, nails of every kind, pitch, picks, pumps, powder, pincers, piping,
ploughs, quirts, quicksilver, rules, rope, resin, rivets, rasps, rakes, ship scrapers, sickles
and bats, slop-pails, saws of all kinds, sieves, sewing twine, sponges, scoops, sheep-
shears, saucepans, shovels and spades, spirit-levels, soldering-irons, solder, spokeshaves,
shot, steel-yarls, scales, screws, staples, stewpans, tea-pots, trowels, tar, tacks, tubs, tue-
irons, vices, waiters, washing boards and powder, window furniture of all kinds, writing
cases, zinc, &c., &c.

Timber and Building Materials.—Shelving, 12 and 14 inches wide; T. and G. lumber
T. and G. Scotch Flooring, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 inch; beaded and plain match lining

Quartering, American hardwood, 3 x 1, 3 x 1 1/2, 3 x 2, 4 x 3, 4 x 5; mouldings, various sizes.
Galvanised and painted iron, all sizes; rolled zinc, spouting, brackets, down-pipe, heats

Screws, nails, locks, hinges, and bolts; doors, glass, raised panel, and plain sashes, all sizes.
Paints, Paperhangings, Oils.—Paints of all kinds; white and red lead; black, green,
blue, umbre, ochre, &c.; Oils—raw, boiled, colza, olive, turpentine, &c.; oak and copal
varnish, asphaltum, oak-stain, knotting

Paperhangings.—A large assortment of drawing-room, sitting-room, bed-room, hall, passage,
and ceiling, various; borderings, all kinds.

Tinware of every description, a large assortment, all kinds.

Kitchen Utensils.—Stoves, boilers, saucepans, kettles, &c.

Crockery.—A large and well-assorted department.

Lamps, Glassware, Kerosene, Lampware.—large assortment.

Furniture, Bedding, &c.—Bedsteads: an assortment of French and stump double, single,
and children's bedsteads and cots

Chairs: Ladies, Florence, Lincoln, Illinois, dining, American wood, spring hair, rocking
easy-chairs, in hair, cane, and wood

Commodore, cheffoniers, children's high and low chairs, cane and wood; chests of drawers

Tables: round and square, dining, loo, and dressing, various

Washstands, in cedar and walnut; towel-horses, mahogany, cedar, turned and plain

Sofas, a large assortment, colonial made, with or without backs, pillows, and cushions

Mattresses: feather, hair, flock, fibre, any size; pillows and bolsters, do. do. do.

Leather.—Crap, kip, calf, kangaroo, &c., from the Tannery of Michaelis, Hallenstein, and Co
Grindery—a large assortment.

Tobacco and Cigars.—Being direct importers of these goods, buyers can always depend on
getting a first-class article.

Tobacco: fancy and aromatic, silver coil, Atlantic cable, old sport, navy, fires, sixes, tens,
imperial ruby, gold bar; dark aromatic—tens, bashful lover, little sunshade, monster;
Barrett's twist and cut tobaccos; snuff

Cigars: Trabuccos, Havana, Princess, and Swiss.

Stationery and Books.—Account-books, all sizes and bindings; minute-books, bill-files,
blotting-paper, memo. books, copying letter-books, copy and exercise books, date-books,
envelopes, all kinds and sizes; elastic bands, foolscap (plain and ruled), gum moulage,
ink of all kinds; inkstands, a large variety; letter balances, clips, and files; pass-books

Note and letter paper, white, blue, and mourning; pens of all kinds, pencils, playing-cards,
pocket-books, purses, slates, albums, rulers, sealing-wax, tissue-paper, all colours; desks

Books: an assortment of family and pocket Bibles, church services, and prayer-books
Poetical Works of Byron, Moore, Scott, Burns, Milton, Cowper, Cook, Campbell, Longfellow

Gift books; dictionaries—French, Latin, German, and English; geographies, arithmetics.

Fancy Goods.—A large, choice, and varied assortment.

Patent Medicines.—Large assortment; also, a variety of Horse Medicines.

Perfumery.—"from every flower that breathes a fragrance."

Saddlery.—This department will be found very complete, as all goods are manufactured ex-
pressly for us by Alston, of Melbourne.

Bridles, with or without bits; a large assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's, double and
single rein, Pelham and snaffle; all prices.

Curry-combs and brushes of all kinds; halters; hobbles, various.

Saddles, ladies' and gentlemen's; donkey, stock, green hide, and all-over hogskin; various prices.

Saddle-cloths, kersy, felt; saddle-girths, leather, web; saddle-straps, spurs of all kinds;
valises, martingales and breastplates, various; stirrup leathers, ladies' slippers and stir-
rup leathers, cruppers, bits, burnisers, headstalls, ladies' worked saddle-cloths.

Spring cart harness complete, dray harness complete, leading sets complete.

Pack saddles, straps, needles, buckles, heap knives.

Whips, a large variety; jockey whips, silver mounted, green hide; ladies' twigs, various
kinds; buggy whips, cart whips, all sizes; stockwhips and hand s. thongs of all kinds.

Produce.—Agents for Robertson and Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour Mills, Lake Wakatip—
We have for sale their silk-dressed Flour, (equal to Adelaide); pollard, bran, oats,
wheat, barley, chaff. Garden seeds in great variety.

Sundries.—Tents, tarpaulins, Manila rope, hose canvas, horse-covers, wheelbarrows, horse
directors, brushware, camp and colonial conveniences, can flies, lime, &c.

Cromwell

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD,
LATE MR GRANT'S
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD.

JAMES TAYLOR,

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,



&c., &c.

Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material
suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the Lowest
PRICES compatible with Good Material and
Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may
be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings,
Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs,
Tables, Washstands, Iron-Bedsteads, &c.

Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners'
Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manila Rope,
SADDLERY, &c., cheap.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY,

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread
regularly delivered in all parts of the district

K. PRETSCHE,

CROMWELL,

COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper-
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Paperhanging, Decoration,
and Sign Writing.

THOMAS FOOTE,

TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,

SHAREBROKER, COMMISSION

AGENT,

ARBITRATOR, AND ACCOUNTANT,
CROMWELL.

Having arranged to devote my time exclusively
to these occupations, business entrusted to
my care will receive every attention.

Agent for the New Zealand Fire Insurance
Company.

D. MacKELLAR,

ACCOUNTANT and

GENERAL AGENT.

Manager of { Star of the East Quartz Mining
Company, Registered;
Colleen Bawn Quartz Mining Com-
pany, Registered;
Kawarau Bridge Company (Messrs
M'Cormick, Grant, & Richards).

AGENT for { The Norwich Union Fire Insurance
Company.

Office: Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Mechanical Drawings furnished.—Specifications
prepared



THE CLYDESDALE

ENTIRE HORSE

THANE OF CLYDE,

Will travel this Season in the CROMWELL,
CLYDE, and BLACKS Districts.

YOUNG THANE OF CLYDE is by that well-
known Sire, Thane of Clyde, imported; dam
Kate, imported by W. C. HILL, Esq., Croydon
Southland.

YOUNG THANE OF CLYDE is a dark dappled
bay, stands 16½ hands high, rising 5 years old,
has fine symmetry and unequalled action, with
a splendid temper.

He travelled last season in the Mataura dis-
trict, and has proved himself a sure foal-getter.
Terms, £3 10s, payable on the 1st February,
1874; groomage, 5s., to be paid at time of ser-
vice.

THOMAS GILMOUR,

Proprietor, Clyde.

F. SANSON, SADDLER

AND

HARNESS-MAKER,

Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on
business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr
Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict atten-
tion and moderate charges, to merit the public
patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every
description made on the premises.

Repairs done on the shortest notice.

NEW SUMMER GOODS.

W. TALBOYS,

Having arranged with a Wholesale House in Dunedin to import goods through them direct from
the Home Markets, at a small advance, will now be able to sell at about twenty-five per cent. less
than usual prices.

The public can therefore make sure of purchasing the

CHEAPEST FANCY DRESSES IN CROMWELL

CHEAPEST PRINTS IN CROMWELL

CHEAPEST MUSLINS IN CROMWELL

CHEAPEST SKIRTS IN CROMWELL

CHEAPEST CALICOES IN CROMWELL

CHEAPEST FLANNELS IN CROMWELL

CHEAPEST STOCKINGS, GLOVES, COLLARS, MUSLIN SETS, &c. &c.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

—IN—

TWEED TROUSERS

TROUSERS AND VESTS

TWEED SUITS

SILK MIXED SUITS.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF BOYS' CLOTHING.

CRIMEANS, CRIMEANS—JEAN SHIRTS—FLANNEL SHIRTS.

KNITTED AND COTTON PANTS.

ALL THE NEWEST SHAPES IN MEN'S & BOYS' HATS.

BOOTS, IN GREAT VARIETY.

DON'T FORGET THE GREAT DISCOUNT AT

W. TALBOYS'

LONDON HOUSE,

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL.

CHEAPEST

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING STORE
IN CROMWELL.

J. SOLOMON,

THE CHEAP DRAPER,

Has opened out permanently in Cromwell with a large and splendid assortment of

NEW AND FASHIONABLE GOODS,

SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON!

Ladies' Bonnets, Trimmed Hats, Silk Jackets,
Lace Goods, Shawls, Dress Materials,
Costumes, etc., etc.

NOT TO BE EQUALLED IN PRICE OR STYLE
IN CROMWELL!

NO OLD STOCK! ALL PERFECTLY NEW
AND SELECTED FROM THE LATEST
SHIPMENTS!

J.S. can assure his customers and all intending
purchasers they have never had such a choice
lot of goods to select from in Cromwell.

One trial will convince anyone of the fact,

Men's, Youths', and Boys' Clothing in great
variety.

Knickerbocker Suits.

Men's, Youths', and Boys' Straw Hats.

New Stock in Fancy Goods.

New Stock in Boots and Shoes.

New Stock in Crockery and Glassware.

New Stock in Jewellery.

The price of every article will be right, and
the goods will positively be sold at a small profit
to meet the times.

FRESH STOCK COMING TO HAND REGULARLY.

RECOLLECT—NO HUMBUG!

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING,

under the management of Mrs Solomon.

DON'T FORGET TO COME EARLY AND SEE THE NEW STOCK!

J. SOLOMON.

(Premises lately occupied by Bank of New Zealand.)

CROMWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Reading-room is open to Subscribers on
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

The Library contains an extensive variety of
Books in every department of literature; and
about £40 worth of New Works is expected to
arrive shortly from Great Britain.

All the Provincial Newspapers, and a number
of English Papers and Periodicals, are regularly
received for the use of Subscribers.

Annual Subscription, £1 1s; Half-Yearly
12s 6d; Quarterly, 7s 6d.

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid on
MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this
date. I. LOUGHNAN.
Mount Pisa, 12th May 1870.—276c

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Messrs HAYES & WILLIAMS
Are now prepared to SUPPLY COALS in any
quantity.

CROMWELL COALPIT.

Cromwell

Cromwell Veterinary Shoeing Forge,
Next door to Kidd's Cromwell Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne).

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, AND
MACHINIST.

Begs to intimate to his customers and the gene-
ral public that he has REMOVED to his NEW
PREMISES, next to the Cromwell Hotel, Mel-
more Terrace, where he will carry on every ac-
scription of Blacksmith work and Farriery as
heretofore.

E. LINDSAY begs to intimate to the Public
generally that he has gone to the expense of get-
ting a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS on a new
principle, being the first introduced up-country,
which he will guarantee to give general satisfac-
tion; also, that he has made a reduction in the
price of Horse-shoeing.

LIGHT SHOES - 12s.
DRAUGHT " - 17s.

EDWARD LINDSAY,
Veterinary Shoeing Forge.JOHN W. THOMPSON,
FARRIER AND BLACKSMITH.

J. W. THOMPSON desires to announce to
the inhabitants of Cromwell and the District
that he has purchased the business lately carried
on by Mr JAMES SLOAN as Farrier and
Blacksmith. His long practical experience in
all branches of the business, combined with
moderate charges, will, he trusts, secure him a
fair share of public patronage.

THOMPSON'S
VETERINARY AND SHOEING FORGE,
CROMWELL.

BEFORE purchasing your WATCHES,
CLOCKS, and JEWELLERY, call on
E. MURRELL,

and inspect his CHOICE STOCK of the above

articles.
As all his Watches and Clocks are TAKEN TO
PIECES, CLEANED, and ADJUSTED before they are
delivered, Customers may depend on getting an
article that will give satisfaction.

All kinds of WATCHES, CLOCKS, and
MUSICAL BOXES cleaned
and repaired.

Jewellery made and repaired.—Pipes mounted.

Observe the address:
NEXT MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL.

CROMWELL BUTCHERY
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on
hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.

FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams,
Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* * * Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout
the district.

BEEF, BY THE QUARTER, 3½d per lb.

J. B. LAKE,

SURGEON AND PHYSICIAN,

May be consulted at his Residence,

MURRAY-STREET, CROMWELL.

ARROW FLOUR MILLS.

To Runholders, Storekeepers, Bakers,
and others.

Messrs BUTEL BROS. have much pleasure
in announcing that they have appointed D. A.
JOLLY & Co., of Cromwell, as their agents for
the sale of their SUEK-DRESSED FLOUR,
BRAN, and POLLARD.

JOLLY & Co. will be prepared to promptly
execute orders within a radius of Sixty Miles.

FLOUR GUARANTEED.—TERMS LIBERAL.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,

BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE STREET ... CROMWELL,

Has a large and varied stock of Boots and Shoes
on hand, of the best quality.

An inspection of the stock is invited.

Boots and Shoes made to order in the latest and
most approved fashion.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

PRICES MODERATE.

J. C. CHAPPLE,
AUCTIONEER.

Any orders for Sales in the Cromwell District
may be left at the Argus-Office, and will meet
with prompt attention.

Bannockburn & Carrick Range

STUART'S FERRY,
KAWARAU RIVER.

Main crossing-place between Cromwell and the Nevis for Waggon, Drays, Horses, and Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

THE FERRY HOTEL

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN.

(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retained at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.P.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD
AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,

Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN, NEVIS, POTTERS, &c., that in order to meet the increasing requirements of those districts, he has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.,
(Late of Logantown),

GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS, Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that they have removed to QUARTZVILLE, next to HAZLET'S Carrick Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of their patronage.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.

CHARLES PEAKE,
Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, is now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour him with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODOUS BILLIARD ROOM, fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE, with careful groom always in attendance.

183 CHARLES PEAKE.

BANNOCKBURN COAL PIT

ORDERS for this COAL left with D. A. JOLLY & CO. will be punctually executed.

JOHN DOVE.

STUART'S

BANNOCKBURN FERRY COALPIT.

J. STUART, having opened out the seam of Coal previously worked by Messrs NICHOLAS and Co., has to announce to the public that he is prepared to supply COAL at reasonable prices to any part of the district.

The Coal is known to be of first-class quality; and as the pit is in good working order, customers may depend upon a regular supply.

Arrowtown

R. PRITCHARD,

Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,
ARROWTOWN.

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines, Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district. A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes, Drapery, &c.

Agent for
T. ROBINSON & Co.,
Agricultural Implement Manufacturers,
Dunedin and Melbourne.

Queenstown



THE Right Man in the Right Place.

W. J. BARRY

AT THE

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,
QUEENSTOWN.

The accommodation at the PRINCE OF WALES is unsurpassed. New rooms have lately been erected for private families; and visitors may depend upon every convenience and comfort, combined with moderate charges.

HOT DRINKS.

Hot Purl; hot spiced Ale and Porter; Coffee Royal; hot Coffee and Milk. Steamer always going.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,
Corner of Beach and Rees Streets,
QUEENSTOWN.

In connection with the above, W. J. BARRY, Jun., begs to announce that he has taken THE STABLES.

in connection with the Hotel, and assures those who may favour him with their patronage that horses will be well and properly cared for.

LIVERY: 6s. per night.

English Grass Paddocks for Horses.

W. J. B. Jun., has also to announce that on and after the 20th September, 1873,

A TWO and FOUR-HORSE COACH will run between Queenstown and Arrowtown, twice a week each way.

ROBERT BOYNE,
GENERAL STOREKEEPER
AND NEWS AGENT,
Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu.

A large stock of Groceries and other goods always on hand. Importer of English and Colonial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to, and newspapers forwarded to any part of the district.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

CARRON TIMBER YARD,
CAMP-STREET ... QUEENSTOWN,
LAKE WAKATIPU.

A. B. O. Y. N. E. begs most respectfully to announce to the inhabitants of Cromwell and surrounding districts that, having made arrangements for a constant supply of Southland Building Timber (red and white pine and totara, thoroughly seasoned), he is prepared to retail the same at the following very low scale of prices:—

Feather-edged weather-boards, 20s per hundred feet
Scam ling—white pine, 20s; red pine, 22s
Shelve-boards—white pine, 25s
Shelving, 22s 6d; dressed, 23s
T & G Lining, 6 x 3, 20s
T & G Flooring, 6 x 1, 23s.

A. B. has also for sale a good assortment of BUILDERS' IRONMONGERY; also, Door Sashes, American Lining, Shelving, and Turnery.

Oils, Paints, Varnish, &c.

All orders punctually attended to.

Wanaka

WANAKA HOTEL, PEMROKE.

The above hotel, which is delightfully situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake, offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker advantages rarely to be met with.

The scenery in the neighbourhood is exceedingly picturesque; and on an Island in the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.

An excellent Four-stalled STABLE, and a PADDOCK, for horses.

THEODORE RUSSELL,
Proprietor.

Luggate

ALBION HOTEL AND STORE

LUGGATE,

23 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to Lake Wanaka).

H. MAIDMAN Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of travellers.

Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLING.

N.B.—District Post Office.

ALL CURES MADE EASY!

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.

Bad Legs, Ulcers, Sores, Rad Breasts, and Old Wounds.

No description of wound, sore, or ulcer can resist the healing properties of this excellent Ointment. The worst cases readily assume a healthy appearance whenever this medicament is applied; a sound flesh springs up from the bottom of the wound, inflammation of the surrounding skin is arrested, and a complete and permanent cure quickly follows the use of the Ointment.

Piles, Fistulas, and Internal Inflammation

These distressing and weakening diseases may with certainty be cured by the sufferers themselves, if they will use Holloway's Ointment, and closely attend to the printed instructions. It should be well rubbed upon the neighbouring parts, when all obnoxious matter will be removed. A poultice of bread and water may sometimes be applied at bed-time with advantage; the most scrupulous cleanliness must be observed. If those who read this paragraph will bring it under the notice of such of their acquaintance whom it may concern, they will render a service which will never be forgotten, as a cure is certain.

Rheumatism, Gout, and Neuralgia.

Nothing has the power of reducing inflammation and subduing pain in these complaints in the same degree as Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills. When used simultaneously, they drive all inflammation and depravities from the system, subside and remove all enlargement of the joints, and leave the sinews and muscles lax and uncontracted. A cure may always be effected even under the worst circumstances, if the use of these medicines be persevered in.

Eruptions, Scald Head, Ringworm, and other Skin Diseases.

After fomentation with warm water, the utmost relief and speediest cure can be readily obtained of all complaints affecting the skin and joints, by the simultaneous use of the Ointment and Pills. But it must be remembered that almost all skin diseases indicate depravity of the blood and derangement of the liver and stomach; consequently, in many cases, time is required to purify the blood, which will be effected by a judicious use of the Pills. The general health will readily be improved, although the eruption may be driven out more freely than before; and this should be promoted. Perseverance is necessary.

Sore Throats, Diphtheria, Quinsey, Mumps, and all other Derangements of the Throat.

On the appearance of any of these maladies, the Ointment should be well rubbed, at least thrice a day, upon the neck and upper part of the chest, so as to penetrate to the glands, as salt is forced into meat. This course will at once remove inflammation and ulceration. The worst cases will yield to this treatment if the printed directions be followed.

Scrofula, or King's Evil, and Swelling of the Glands.

This class of cases may be cured by Holloway's purifying Pills and Ointment, as their double action of purifying the blood and strengthening the system renders them more suitable than any other remedy for all complaints of a scrofulous nature. As the blood is impure, the liver, stomach, and bowels, being much deranged, require purifying medicine to bring about a cure.

Bad Legs	Scalds
Bad Breasts	Sore Nipples
Burns	Sore Throats
Bunions	Skin Diseases
Bite of Mosquitoes	Scurvy
and Sandflies	Sore Heads.
Coco-bay	Tumours
Chicago-foot	Ulcers
Chilblains	Wounds and Yaws
Fistulas	Cancers
Gout	Contracted and Stiff
Glandular Swellings	Joints
Lumbago	Elephantiasis
Piles	Chapped Hands
Rheumatism	Corns (soft)

There is a considerable saving by taking the larger sizes.

N.B.—Directions for the guidance of patients in every disorder are affixed to each box and can be had in any Language—even in Chinese.

The inhabitants of the Cromwell district are sometimes puzzled to know which is the best and cheapest establishment to purchase their supplies of drapery and clothing at. They should no longer remain in doubt on that score. If they will only pay one visit to W. TALBOYS' London House, they will discover for themselves that it is not only the cheapest but the best store at which to deal for these articles. Mr Talboys has made arrangements to import his stock direct from the Home markets, and the public can rest assured that everything will be sold by him at an advance only sufficient to repay the original cost, and return a fair percentage on the outlay. Every article in Mr Talboys' establishment is marked in plain figures, from which no abatement is ever made. A fuller description of the stock will be found in advertisement in another column.—[ADVT.]

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General Printing Office,

MELMORE TERRACE.

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In the most modern styles of the Art.

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PLAIN, ENAMELLED, CARDS, COLORED, EMBOSSED,

In endless variety of style.

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ILLUMINATED SHOW-CARDS,

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In Coloured Inks or Gold Bronze.

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Catalogues, Hand Bills, Programmes

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Ale & Porter Labels,

Circular Labels,

—AND—

EVERY OTHER KIND OF PRINTING!

The Cromwell Argus

IS PUBLISHED

EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON,

And delivered the same day.

BY SPECIAL MESSENGERS, THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

SUBSCRIPTION:

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CASUAL ADVERTISEMENTS:

Each insertion under four, per inch..... 3/-

On four or more insertions, a reduction of 25%.

STANDING ADVERTISEMENTS

On still more liberal terms.

The charge for Birth and Marriage Announcements is Half-a-crown each, payable at the time of insertion.

NOTICE.—I hereby notify that JOHN PERRIAM has applied to the Waste Land Board to purchase the Land at present occupied by him on Run 245, being Section 1, Block II., Cromwell Survey District, and Section 2, Wakefield Survey District, containing 50 acres. Any objections to the granting of said application, must be lodged in writing at the District Land Office, Clyde, on or before the 8th day of January 1874.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
District Officer.
Clyde, 20/12/73.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act 1870," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 15th day of January 1874:—Sections 8 and 9, Block I., Town of Cromwell—BENDIX HALLENSTEIN, of Queens-town, merchant, applicant.—1333.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 1st day of December, 1873, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.
D. F. MAIN,
District Land Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following allotments in the undermentioned Townships will be offered for sale by public auction, on the dates and at places mentioned.—See Gazette, 19th November, for details.

At the Courthouse, Cromwell, on Thursday, the 22nd January next, at noon, Sections in CROMWELL.

At the Courthouse, Cromwell, on Thursday, the 22nd January next, at noon, Sections in BENDIGO.

At the Courthouse, Cromwell, on Thursday, the 22nd January next, at noon, Sections in NEWCASTLE.

At the Courthouse, Cromwell, on Thursday, the 22nd January next, at noon, Sections in PEMBROKE.

At the Courthouse, Cromwell, on Thursday, the 22nd January next, at noon, Sections in GLADSTONE.

£6 REWARD.—Strayed from Bendigo Gully, TWO HORSES, one a dark bay, branded T on near shoulder, stands 16 hands high; and the other a light bay, branded F G on near shoulder, stands 16½ hands high.

The above reward will be paid on delivery of said horses either at the Cromwell Quartz Mining Company's Battery, Bendigo, or to
THOMAS LOGAN,
Cromwell.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., REGISTERED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Carrick Range Water Supply Company, Registered, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 24th January next ensuing, at 3 p.m.,

To consider and determine the question of borrowing the sum of £4000 from the General Government, under the Regulations made and provided by the "Public Works and Immigration Act 1871," and to authorise all the necessary steps to be taken for procuring such a loan if thought desirable; or to provide other ways and means.

D. MACKELLAR,
Manager.
Cromwell, Dec. 20, 1873.

COLLEEN BAWN Q. M. COMPANY, REGISTERED.

Notice is hereby given that a further call of TWO SHILLINGS per share has been made payable at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on or before WEDNESDAY, 14th January 1874.

D. MACKELLAR,
Manager.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., REGISTERED.

Notice is hereby given that a further and FINAL call of TWO SHILLINGS per share has been made payable at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on or before WEDNESDAY, 14th January 1874.

D. MACKELLAR,
Manager.

LUCKNOW QUARTZ MINE.

Wanted immediately, FOUR experienced MINERS for tunnel work.
Apply on the ground, or to
C. COLCLOUGH,
Cromwell.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE.

The COAL-PIT and LIME-KILN at Kawarau Gorge.
For particulars, apply to J. W. ROBERTSON, Kawarau Gorge, or at the ARGUS OFFICE.

KIDD'S ASSEMBLY ROOM.

CLARA STEPHENSON'S
IXION TROUPE.
THURSDAY, JAN. 8, 1874,
And positively for FOUR NIGHTS ONLY.

14 PERFORMERS.
The largest troupe of Lady Burlesque Artists in New Zealand.
Change of programme each evening.

IXION! IXION! IXION!

CLARA STEPHENSON as IXION.
The performance will commence each evening with a petite comedy, in which CLARA STEPHENSON and Mr CHARLES BURFORD will appear.
For caste see bills.
Prices of admission, 4s and 2s 6d.
Don't forget—For Four Nights only.

Mr CHARLES BURFORD ... Proprietor.
Mr FRED WILLS ... Agent.

LAND ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

Price, 2s 6d per annum for ten years.
5000 acres Land open for application on deferred payments at WAIPAHEE.
Notice is hereby given, that Sections 30 to 51, 54, and 55, Block VII., Waipahee, and parts of Blocks X. and XIII., same district, unsurveyed (to the west of Block VII.), will be open for sale on deferred payments on and after the 20th January next.

Applications for all the land situated south of the Waipahee River must be made at Dunedin; and for that north of the Waipahee River at Invercargill; and must in each case be accompanied by a deposit of 1s 3d per acre.

The part surveyed is divided into sections of from 60 to 94 acres; the unsurveyed portion may be applied for in sections not exceeding 200 acres.

Purchasers will have to pay valuation for the fencing.

2636 acres Land open for application on deferred payments near TAPANUI.

Notice is hereby given, that Sections 7 to 16, Block II., Glenkenich, are withdrawn from the position of Land open for application under Clause 38, Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, and that they will, along with Sections 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 61, 62, 63, 64, and 71, Block III., be opened for sale on deferred payments on the 14th January next.

Applications must be made at the District Land Office, Lawrence; and must be accompanied by a deposit of 1s 3d per acre, being the first half-year's occupation fee.

The sections are from 70 to 140 acres each.
Purchasers will have to pay valuation for the fencing.

FOR SALE, at £1 PER ACRE.
IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

5260 acres agricultural Land in GLENKENICH and WAIPAHEE Districts, Run 167A, Conical Hills, on the west bank of the Pomahaka River, near its junction with the Waipahee River.

Notice is hereby given, that about 36 Rural Sections (which will be specified in the Provincial Government Gazette of 10th December, 1873), in Blocks X. and XII., Glenkenich District, and Block VIII., Waipahee District, will be open for application, at the Land Office, Invercargill, on and after Tuesday, the 20th of January next, at the upset price of £1 per acre.
Deposit, 2s an acre.

TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY,
at noon.

4067 acres agricultural Land in GLENKENICH District, Run 168, near Tapanui.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

Notice is hereby given, that about 55 Rural Sections in Block III., Glenkenich, from 10 to 100 acres each, will be sold by auction, at the District Land Office, Lawrence, on Tuesday, the 10th day of February next, at the upset price of £1 per acre.

Terms: 10 per cent. cash; balance in a month.

J. T. THOMSON,
Chief Commissioner.

TENDERS WANTED.

TENDERS WANTED for the CONSTRUCTION of about TWO MILES of WATER RACE at Kawarau Gorge. Sealed tenders to be sent to Mr T. GORMAN, on or before MONDAY, 12th inst.
For particulars, apply to
Mr T. GORMAN,
Kawarau Gorge.

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.

The STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETINGS of Owners and Occupiers of Land, and Holders, for the ELECTION of SCHOOL COMMITTEES for the ensuing year, will be held in the Schoolhouses, or buildings used as schoolhouses, in the several educational districts upon MONDAY, the 12th January 1874, at 7 o'clock p.m.
JOHN SPERRY,
Secretary.

A.O.F. COURT ROYAL OAK OF KAWARAU, No. 4929.

SUMMONED MEETING on SATURDAY, January 10. Business: Election of Officers; Quarterly Night.
CHARLES KOCH,
Secretary.

COURT STAR OF CROMWELL.

SUMMONED MEETING on SATURDAY first. Business: Election of Officers.
By order of the C.R.

UNITED STAR AND OAK CO.

TENDERS will be received up to TUESDAY, the 13th, at the office of the Star of the East Company, for a SUPPLY OF COAL for the ensuing Twelve Months.

Specifications can be seen at the office of the Oak, Bannockburn, or at the office of the Star, Cromwell.

COLLEEN BAWN Q.M. COMPANY, REGISTERED.

A General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office on SATURDAY, 17th inst.
Business—general.

D. MACKELLAR,
Manager.

NOTICE.—Having purchased the Book Debts sold at Mr GEO. MANSON'S sale held at Carrickton on June 11, 1873, I respectfully request that all persons indebted will please pay their separate accounts to Mr GEO. MANSON, of Carrickton, who holds a Power of Attorney from me for the collection of the said Book Debts.
JAMES BOYD.

BILLIARDS! BILLIARDS!! BILLIARDS!!!

W. WESTON,
The Champion Billiardist of Australasia,
Will play a

GRAND EXHIBITION MATCH

TO-NIGHT (Tuesday, Jan. 6),
In Mr Goodger's Billiard-room, Cromwell,
Giving a local amateur 500 in 1000.

The Champion will exhibit some fancy shots, hand twists, &c. &c.

A Second Match will take place on
WEDNESDAY EVENING.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

THE "PIONEER" DREDGE,
Now on the River Kawarau, about a mile above the Gentle Annie Bridge; with all the plant, tools, etc. etc., used in working the same.

The sale will take place on the
FRANKTON RACECOURSE

on FRIDAY, 16th inst. (second day of the Queenstown Races).

Terms at sale.

WANTED.—A first-class GROOM.

Apply immediately,
STARKEY'S KAWARAU HOTEL,
Cromwell.

It is officially notified that on the 1st of January the new issue of postage stamps will be as under:—The penny stamp—the Queen's head on an oval ground, printed in mauve; the two-penny—the Queen's head in a dotted circle, printed in crimson lake; the three-penny—the Queen's head in a circle, printed in sepia brown; the four-penny—the Queen's head on a square ground, printed in Indian red; the six-penny—the Queen's head in circle and hexagon, printed in blue; the one shilling—the Queen's head on an oval ground, printed in green; the half-penny stamp to remain unchanged. The rate of postage on letters posted in the Colony for Australia and Tasmania will be reduced from 3d. to 2d. per half-ounce.

Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.
CROMWELL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1874.

ONCE more we are compelled to take notice of the nature of the water supply which the unfortunate inhabitants of the township of Cromwell are compelled to put up with. For some past the matter has been clamant enough; but as the Council was, to use its own phrase, "moving in that direction," we thought it advisable to await the result which might follow their moving. The result, so far, has been very astonishing; so much so, in fact, that we have come to the conclusion that the water supply will never be better until it is undertaken by some private citizens, or at least till the Council is content to be guided by the advice of citizens outside its own body. Nearly a thousand pounds has been spent one way and the other within the last few years on water schemes, and to-day we are positively worse off, as regards the indispensable element, than we were when entirely dependent upon the goodwill of Messrs CONNELLAN and party. We are now in the heat of summer, and we can only now and then get a drop of water when it is a calm day and there is no dust blowing. How often that kind of day happens at this season of the year, every one knows by painful experience. Even when we are fortunate enough to have a stream flowing, it is charged with all kinds of organic impurities. And we have no hesitation whatever in saying, and we are supported in our assertion, by the experience of every medical man in the neighbourhood,—that to the filthy and insufficient water supply has been in a great measure due the extraordinary number of low fever cases that have prevailed in Cromwell for the past two years. How can it be otherwise? Children are continually piddling in it; cows walk up and down in it; pigs wallow in it; dogs wallow in it;—Ugh! it is too disgusting to continue the description. If anyone doubts the truth of it, let him look at the race an hour after it has ceased running—(he will have an opportunity to-day, or to-morrow, or almost any day he pleases)—and before the mud has had time to get hard. He will find it teeming with countless millions of those minute animals which flourish amongst decaying animal and vegetable matter. Let him further examine the deposit in the tanks and barrels set at the side of the race. His wonder will be that we have not long ago been decimated by typhus, or some other fever of the most malignant type. We may depend upon it that the comparatively mild cases we have had have only been warnings, which should not be neglected. The infraction of a natural law to the slightest possible extent is invariably followed by the penalty made for such a case. The use of water, highly charged with decaying organic matter is invariably followed by sickness of some kind or other,—generally by fevers of a typhoid nature. And fevers of that description, when they do not end in death, generally leave behind them the seeds of untold and protracted sufferings.

In speaking thus of the water supply, we do not wish to be understood as blaming the Council for the works they have lately been executing upon the race. By no means; we believe they are quite right in trying to keep the present supply going to the best possible advantage. In the absence of a new kettle, by all means let the old one be tinkered. But let the tinkering process only be carried on so long as we cannot get a new vessel;—and this brings us to the point where we must blame the Council. They are so engrossed with the tinkering job that they are actually mistaking it for the whole duty which is required of them.

We think it may be fairly assumed that the present supply, even if it was a constantly flowing stream, on account of its liability to contamination, if for no other reason, is insufficient for the wants of the Town of Cromwell. That is, in fact, admitted on all sides, and therefore needs no demonstration at our hands. It is also admitted that there are only two practicable methods of supplying the township with water, if we exclude that which might be obtained from the river Clutha; namely, from the Firewood Creek, and from one or other of the races which take their supply from the Lowburn. We have on previous occasions advocated the Firewood Creek scheme, but on this occasion we shall, for the sake of argument, admit that the two schemes have equal advantages to present, and that the cost would in each case be identical. We shall assume the cost to be £3000, the interest of which at eight per cent. would be £240 per annum. We have fairly stated the probable cost,

and we have now simply to ask the Council one straightforward question: Are they prepared to undertake the matter, or are they not? No imaginary difficulties need be raised on the question. The money can be raised on Corporation securities with very little trouble; or the work itself can be undertaken and completed by private individuals upon the guarantee by the Corporation of the rate per cent. above mentioned. It is no part of our duty in the meantime to go into the details of such a method of getting the work done; that is one of the things for which Councilors were created at all, and one of the duties, indeed, which has for the last year or two, as we shall presently show, been voluntarily undertaken (in words) by the very persons who compose the present Council. We hope the citizens of the town will second our request for an answer to the question we have above proposed.

As an example of the opinions expressed by the persons who now sit in the Council, and what indeed went a long way towards securing the seats to them, we shall quote the words made use of in August, 1872, by the now Councillor GRANT when standing for election. They are a very fair expression of the views held at the time by the gentlemen who are now members of Council; that is, so far as the importance of the question is concerned. He said:

"Good and fresh water was what the town must have: the want of it could no longer be endured. Firewood Creek was indubitably the natural supply for Cromwell; and if no surplus water was to be had, he would be in favour of buying Messrs Barker and Strahan's water right. What if their right did cost £1000? It seemed to him ridiculous to stick at that sum for a good and efficient supply of water. Talk of Fire Brigades! Bring in the water from Firewood Creek, and no Fire Brigade, for real efficiency, could equal it. (Cheers.) To-night the inhabitants of the town might go to bed, and rise to find two or even ten thousand pounds' worth of property destroyed, and yet it was argued that £1000 was too much to pay for a supply of water. Why, it was ridiculous! It was further stated that the Corporation of Cromwell could not raise sufficient money to carry out the Firewood Creek scheme. Well, let the Council borrow money. He would even go the length of mortgaging every atom of Municipal property—the Corporation seal included—rather than continue to be served with the present inefficient supply."

Our space will not allow us to pursue the matter further in the meantime. We trust enough has been said to convince the Council that they must "move" to some better purpose than they have hitherto done, or the account of their stewardship will not be received by the ratepayers with the applause which is expected. Their promises, they can perceive, although they have not been fulfilled, are not yet forgotten, and are not likely to be.

We have received a poetical (?) contribution on the subject of the reduction in the price of gold. The effusion is not signed by the real name of the author, and for that reason alone cannot be inserted.

Within the last week or two, we have heard many complaints from subscribers as to the great irregularity which takes place in receiving copies of the *Argus*. The complaints, we may say, are most numerous from some parts of the Bannockburn district and from the Nevis. We can only say in reference to them, that we regret very much that such irregularity should exist as is complained of, and we shall endeavour to have it remedied in future. One thing we may assure our subscribers of: the papers are despatched with the utmost regularity from our office at present.

In the absence of the time honoured and poetical custom of ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New, the event was marked on Wednesday night, or shall we say Thursday morning, by the Cromwell Brass Band playing a succession of tunes through the town. The most of the adult population followed the band, and numerous and hearty (let us hope) were the salutations which could be heard on all sides. After the band had finished playing, and well-disposed people had retired to their homes, a number of young men made night hideous by unearthly howlings and tin-kettlings. It was the first offence of some of them, and we sincerely hope it will be their last. If they wish to celebrate the advent of the New Year, why don't they teach themselves to do it after the manner of some of the "Christmas Waits" at Home, or in some other human fashion? Kerosene-tinning and howling are most absurd ways of making fun.

Through the courtesy of Inspector Moore, we are enabled to give the following statement of gold forwarded by Escort from Clyde to Dunedin, 5th January, 1874:

	ozs.	dwt.
Queenstown	1421	17
Cardrona	589	6
Arrow	1165	3
Cromwell	4134	19
Clyde	350	0
Alexandra	663	13
Teviot	817	0
Total	9121	18

The following letters were received at the Cromwell post office in September, and remained unclaimed at the end of December:—Samuel Cook; Wm. Hope Johnson; Malcolm M'Lennan; Mrs. Marohie.

By reference to the Provincial Government Gazette we see that the quartz crushing machine and building on Rattray-street Jetty, Dunedin, were to be sold by public auction to-day at noon.

We understand that Messrs M'Lean and Co., of Ardour, have procured the use of the Government boring-rods for the purpose of testing the coal seam lately discovered near the Lindis river by Mr Tolmie. This is the first time the rods have been applied for in this district. Other parties who may have occasion to use them should make application while they are here, as it would be a saving in the expense of carriage to and from Dunedin, besides the saving in time waiting upon them.

It will be noticed by our advertising columns that the Ixion troupe, the largest company that has yet visited the up-country districts, will give an entertainment on Thursday and several following evenings. The papers of other places where this troupe have appeared speak in the highest terms of their various performances. Their very numbers alone will enable them to present pieces which could not be attempted by other companies.

Mr Weston, who is advertised to play to-night and to-morrow night at Mr Goudger's billiard-room, played a game last week with one of the best of the Clyde local amateurs. Weston gave 375 points, and was level with his opponent at 540. At the end of the game the score stood: Weston, 700; Amateur, 604.

For the office of Surgeon to the Dunstan Hospital the following applications have been received in addition to those already published:—John Bowden Lake, L.F.P.S. (Glasgow), L.M., Cromwell; Charles Scott, L.F.P.S. (Glasgow), L.M., Queenstown; Alexander T. Thomson, M.D., M.B., C.M., Clyde; Fetherstone Cuthbertson Haugh, L.R.C.S.I., L.K.Q.C.P.I., Hokitika.

We have heard a good deal of grumbling at the action taken lately by the Progress Committee at the Nevis, to whose hands was entrusted the expenditure of the £400 voted for the construction of roads in that district. Of course, it will be understood that we do not vouch for the truth of the statements we have heard; but it is clearly our duty to make those statements public, in order that, if incorrect, they may be contradicted by the parties whose good faith is impugned; and, on the other hand, if correct, that an enquiry may be instituted in the public interest. It is said, then, shortly, that tenders have been accepted for the road between Mr Scally's hotel and the upper workings, nearly double in amount to that of other tenders sent in. The tenders accepted are (it is said) at 15s. per chain, whilst tenders were put in to do the work for 8s. 6d. per chain. As we said before, we cannot say whether such is the case or not; but in justice to themselves, the members of the Nevis Progress Committee should publish the rates and amounts of the various tenders sent to them, and the reasons, if any should be required, for accepting the ones which were accepted. Their so doing will settle the whole matter.

We notice that 2500 acres have been set apart on the system of deferred payments at Tiger Hill. The advertisement appears in the Gazette.

The installation of officers of the Cromwell Kilwinning Lodge took place at the Lodge-room, Kawarau Hotel, on Wednesday evening, 31st December. The ceremony of installation was admirably conducted by Bro. Christophers, R.W.M. and P.M. of the Dunstan Lodge, assisted by Bro. Freshaw, P.M. Cromwell Kilwinning Lodge. The following are the officers for the ensuing twelve months:—D. MacKellar, R.W.M.; W. Bell, D.M.; H. Behrens, S.M.; C. F. Johnson, S.W.; J. Escott, J.W.; W. Taylor, S.D.; T. Tait, J.D.; O. Pierce, J.G.; A. M'Minn, Secretary; J. Taylor, Treasurer; J. Stuart, Steward. After the ceremony of installation, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at which a very pleasant evening, enlivened by song and toast, was passed, the brethren expressing the highest praises at the feast prepared for them by Host Starkey.

Mr Rivers is reported to have sold Wild Manx Boy to Mr Keenan for something between £70 and £80, the sale including clothing, saddle, etc.

We are informed that the manager of the Hawkdun station has been indulging in rather an extensive impounding raid lately. On Friday last, he actually impounded one horse, the property of Mr James Marshall, manager of the Carrick Water Company. It appears that the horse committed the enormous offence of breaking his tether and straying upon the run. A week ago we should have said there was no runholder in the country who would have done such a thing; now we know there is one: we honestly believe only one.

Mr George Coppin, the best theatrical manager, comedian, and business man in the colonies, and one of the proprietors of the Melbourne Theatre Royal, has been elected a Member of Parliament in the Victoria Legislative Assembly.

From the last *Dunstan Times* we learn that, in the Resident Magistrate's Court, Clyde, on Monday last, the 29th ult., Mrs Stoy was charged with bigamy. The prosecutor not being prepared with the evidence of marriage, the accused was discharged. The Bench commented strongly on the seriousness of the charge, and said the informant should have been prepared with his evidence before laying the information. On the 1st instant Mrs Stoy was charged with vagrancy, and remanded to the 8th instant for further evidence. Speaking of the former case, and without expressing the slightest opinion as to its merits, we may make a remark as to the extraordinarily lame manner in which the ends of justice were sought to be obtained. Margaret Wilson, or Stoy, was arrested on the 13th December at Invercargill, and remanded to Cromwell, that being the place where the second marriage was said to have taken place. On Monday, the 22nd December, the case was brought up at Cromwell before James Corne, Esq., J.P., when accused was again remanded, this time to Clyde for 48 hours, without a single word of evidence having been heard, one way or the other, beyond that already taken at Invercargill. The case was further remanded at Clyde, till on Monday, 29th ultimo, it was disposed of as above reported. It must strike one as something curious that it is possible to imprison a person for sixteen days on a serious charge such as that of bigamy without it being discovered that the prosecutor had no evidence to bring forward in the matter. The R.M. at Invercargill may not be to blame in any way, but we certainly think the J.P. at Cromwell ought to have elicited the facts of the case. Again—why should a remand have to be made to Clyde? Had not the country incurred sufficient expense already without incurring more? Justices of the Peace should either be prepared to do their duty or to resign. It is absurd to grant remands simply on the request of a Sergeant of Police, when nothing is brought forward to show that a remand is at all necessary.

We have received the first copy of the *Southern Mercury*, the new weekly published in Dunedin. If it only keeps up to the standard attained in its first issue, it will be a great acquisition to the ranks of journalism. The editor promises that it will improve as it goes on. The politics are somewhat vaguely set forth in the prologue as being "Liberal and Progressive." It proceeds to say:—"It has been objected that these phrases may mean anything. True; and it is intended that they shall mean a great deal. To advocate the cause of the People—to address ourselves to the People—to wrestle manfully for the People: these are the objects which we shall steadily keep in view. Subservient to no Party, and untrammelled by personal influences, it will be our aim to promote the general welfare, ever remembering that nothing can be really beneficial which tends unduly to advance the interests of a class at the expense of the community, and to the detriment of the Commonwealth. We claim the right freely to criticize both MEASURES and MEN—deprecating all sympathy with the silly cry which pretends to deal with the one and ignore the other. Measures and not men (thus wrote a trenchant penman a century ago) is the common cant of affected moderation—a base counterfeit language, fabricated by knaves, and made current among fools. Never yet has sound legislation on any subject proceeded from stupid or vicious legislators. Of the two, the latter is least dangerous to the State; for vice may be curbed, but against blundering incapacity there is no protection."

A correspondent of the *Guardian* at Queenstown says, under date December 31st, by telegram:—"John Hayes, an old miner, was returning home to the Shotover with his mates, and, while resting on top of a track, accidentally rolled over a precipice and was killed. A verdict of accidental death was returned. The man was affected by liquor. His remains were brought into Queenstown. The priest refused to perform the funeral ceremony, and objected to his being buried in the Catholic department of the cemetery. The trustees replied that the ground was theirs, and that the interment should take place. The priest refused to allow any of his flock to read prayers over the deceased. Mr Worthington, of the Church of England, read a prayer. The funeral was well attended."

The *Mount Ida Chronicle*, in its report of the local Miners' Association, says:—"A circular letter was received from the Secretary of the Cromwell Miners' Association (a copy of which we published in our issue of the 19th ultimo), bringing under notice of this Association the combination between the banks, by which means they have reduced the price of gold to 75s., and suggesting a plan to prevent the miners from being completely in the hands of the associated banks. After some consideration, the plan suggested was approved, and, on the motion of Mr James Hare, seconded by Mr Moore, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That the suggestion made by the Cromwell Miners' Association to break up the unfair combination by the banks to regulate the price of gold is, in the opinion of this Committee, a good one, and that this Association pledges itself to sell all gold to one bank only, and begs to name for this district the Bank of New Zealand—the one bank for the whole Province to be settled by the Central Executive, and published in all the newspapers as early as possible."

The *Mercury* says:—"In every other country in the world the Government fixes the price of gold, and by the aid of banks, mints, and assay offices the price is kept steady. The world-accepted value of refined gold is £3 17s. 10d. per standard ounce of 22 carats fineness, or at the rate of 3s. 6d. per carat per ounce. Most of the Otago gold is over 23 carats fine, and is therefore worth £4 and upwards per ounce; which for crude gold would be equal to £3 18s." The onus of relieving the miners from the yoke of the bank monopoly now rests with his Honor the Superintendent and the Provincial Executive.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

DUNEDIN.

FRIDAY, 11 a.m.

The ship *Surat*, from London, 97 days out, Captain Jonsen, is ashore at Catlin's River. She has 270 passengers; all are well and safe on shore.

The French war-ship, *Vire*, proceeds at once from Port Chalmers to bring them on to Dunedin.

TUESDAY, 9 a.m.

Messrs Pyke and Bradshaw (as representatives of gold-fields constituencies in the General Assembly) waited upon the Superintendent on Saturday, to urge the necessity of establishing an assay office in Dunedin, and of transmitting Otago gold to Victorian mints for coinage there. The Superintendent promised to lay the matter before the Executive, and to do all in his power to further the object in view.

The Caledonian Society continued their sports on Saturday. Takings at gates were for the benefit of the Benevolent Institution, but owing to the rain the attendance was small. On Friday, 5000 were present.

The immigrants by the *Surat* were all brought up from the wreck on Saturday morning in the *Vire* and the *Wallabi*. Many of them had lost nearly all their clothing, and were clad in blankets and whatever was procurable. There was no accident in their transmission from the wreck to shore, nor in their transshipment from the boats to the *Vire* and *Wallabi*. Very conflicting accounts as to the cause of the wreck and the conduct of the captain and officers are prevalent.

The ship and cargo, valued at nearly £150,000, were sold by auction by Messrs M'Landress, Hepburn yesterday. Mr Larnach was purchaser, at £7050.

According to latest telegrams she was quite sound, with the exception of a hole where she struck the reef. A south-west wind has prevailed this morning, however, and she will probably have suffered much damage.

The banquet to Mr Vogel was held in the University Hall last night. 300 gentlemen sat down to dinner. The Superintendent was in the chair. The Governor was on his right, and Mr Vogel on his left. The banquet was a great success. In reply to the toast of the evening, Mr Vogel made a long and interesting speech.

THE LOWBURN SPORTS.

A large number of people from all parts of the district assembled at Mr Perriam's, Lowburn, on Thursday last, New Year's Day, to witness various sports which had been provided by that gentleman for the amusement of all and sundry. The sports themselves did not look much on paper, nor did they in reality turn out to be of any great account; but the day proved one of the most enjoyable ones which has been seen for some time in this district. The weather was everything that could be desired, and there was an unusually large attendance of ladies upon the scene. Nearly all the members of the Cromwell Brass Band were present, under the leadership of Mr Whetter, and contributed very largely to the enjoyment of the day. What caused the occasion to be so enjoyable, however, was undoubtedly the universal nature of the amusements provided. There was an excellent table for those who enjoy the pleasures of the table and sucking pig with apple sauce; and for those who liked quietness, there was a garden with arbours and shady walks, and cunningly contrived seats in cool places, whereon to while away the time, and listen to the music which ever and anon was discoursed by the Band? In one part of the "Estate" was a swing-boat, which was well patronised by the ladies during the day. Another corner saw some keenly-contested quoiting matches, while at another might be witnessed the ancient custom of dancing on the green being carried on with the utmost vigour. A number of individuals contested for a prize at the barbarous sport of pigeon shooting; but as we give below the performances on the occasion, it will be seen the sport was divested of all or nearly all its customary cruelty. In the evening Mr Perriam's annual ball took place, and it also, we understand, proved a great success.

For the Lowburn Plate of 5 sovs., six horses ran. Mr Thomas Hazlett's Black Prince was the winner; Davis' Nellie, Werner's Siv, and Griffith's Hot Coffee being 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Madame and Cripple last. For the Hack Race, five horses ran. Mr Hazlett's Black Prince again proved the best horse, although it was a matter of dispute whether he should obtain the prize on account of having won the first prize of 5 sovs. How the dispute was arranged, we have not yet heard. For the foot race of 100 yards, there were three entries, although only two ran—Lachlan M'Lean and William Cameron; M'Lean won it. For the pigeon shooting there were nine entries: Messrs Partridge, Cassels, Murrell, Trevathan, Gorman, Tett, Burren, Jamieson, and Taylor. Three birds each were allowed. The scores in the order of the names were 3-2, 1-1, 1-1, and four 0's. The wrestling match and the other sports advertised did not take place on Thursday.

DUNEDIN NOTES.

By O. P. Q.

New Year's Day, 1874.

The Royal Horticultural Society held their Summer Show in the grounds of J. H. Harris, Esq., at Pelichet Bay, on Tuesday, having had a large marquee specially erected for the exhibits. The show was attended by about 1500 people, among the visitors during the day being Lady Fergusson. The season's show cannot be said to have been a good one, either as regards the number or the quantity of the exhibits. What the reason is, I do not know, yet it is very clear that the Society is not recognised as it should be by the public—for it is on the public in a very great measure that the success of the shows held by the Society depends, not only as regards attendance, but as regards the sending of exhibits. I could name many of our citizens who could, had they the inclination, assist at very little trouble to themselves; yet they are conspicuous by their absence. Tuesday's exhibition was specially noticeable with regard to the absence of exhibits from persons in Dunedin who should from their position assist the Society in its laudable endeavours to promote the cultivation of beautiful flowers and shrubs, which give such a charm to our homes. Each succeeding exhibition, however, seems to get more tame and less worth visiting than its predecessors. There may perhaps be something wrong in the constitution of the Society—a want of energy in the direction of its affairs, possibly,—as well as the other cause I have mentioned, which leads to its want of success. This, however, I do not know. One thing, at any rate, is certain, the Shows are not what they ought to be, and what it should be the endeavour of the Society to make them.

Seeing the Old Year out and the New Year in afforded congenial occupation to considerable crowds of people in our principal streets last night. The police would have had their hands—and the lock-up—full, had they attempted to take into custody a tithe of those who were creating disturbances which on any other day would have been cause enough to subject them to the pains and penalties of the law. But the New Year is a time of privilege, and those who are so inclined take advantage of it and go in for larrikinism. And they went in for it last night to an extent which certainly transcends all previous exhibitions of the sort it has been my lot to witness in Dunedin,—in fact, to an extent not at all consistent with the safety of the city, for burning crackers, and rockets, and Roman candles, and Pharaoh's serpents, and other pyrotechnic mysteries were thrown about in most of the principal streets, and in quantities which were sufficient to alarm people not addicted to the use of them. For about an hour the noise and confusion, in various parts of Princes-street especially, were most bewildering, and it was impossible to go half-a-dozen yards without being startled by the sudden explosion of a cracker at your heels, or some such pleasant incident to keep your nerves in a state of tremor. Rowdiness and noise reigned supreme till about one o'clock this morning, when people began to drop off to their homes.

The Caledonian Gathering to-day was attended by, I should think, about 7000 people. His Excellency the Governor and suite, and Captain Jacquemart and the officers of the French war-ship Vire, arrived on the ground between two and three o'clock. They were received at the head of the stairs leading to the Grand Stand by Mr. Reith Ramsay, the President of the Caledonian Society, who addressed a few words of welcome to the visitors, which were briefly acknowledged by the Governor. The games were of the usual character, and were I suppose on the whole as successful as they generally are. They brought out a lot of old faces among the competitors, as well as others hitherto unknown to fame in Dunedin. One of the best contested events of the day, and one worth especial mention, was the two-mile walking match—the competitors being Macgregor, Spence, Campbell, and a lad entered in the programme as John Scott, the latter being between 12 and 13 years of age. Macgregor is of course well known to Otago people; Campbell is a capital walker; Spence a big fellow with plenty of stamina, but whose peculiar style of walking created considerable amusement; while Scott is a thin slight lad, apparently about 12 years old. The latter had 220 yards given him; Campbell, 75 yards; and Macgregor and Spence started at scratch. Little Scott went at it with a will, but he seemed such a slight little customer that no one ever imagined he would make any show in the race. His plucky walking, however, as lap succeeded lap, was the theme of general admiration, and when it came to the last round, and he still maintained nearly the whole distance allotted to him at the start, he was loudly cheered. At the winning post the little fellow received an ovation, and was carried in triumph from the scene of his victory. He certainly must have astonished the big competitors with whom he was associated in the match.

There is to be a brilliant performance to-morrow evening at the Queen's Theatre for the benefit of Mr. Alfred Anderson, the pianist. The Carandinis are to sing their choicest songs, and in addition to some fantasias by Mr. Anderson, there are to be two or three pianoforte duos played by his lady pupils. The performance will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Fergusson, Captain Jacquemart and officers of the Vire, and the Caledonian Society. Mr. Anderson may reasonably expect to be greeted by a brilliant assemblage.

CROMWELL MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Committee of the above Association was held on Saturday evening last, at which were present ten members. Mr. J. Arkell, president, occupied the chair.

A communication was received from the Mount Ida Association in answer to the circular sent by the Secretary, Mr. Colclough, as to the reduction in the price of gold. The gist of the communication, which is favourable to Mr. Colclough's proposal, will be found in another column. A letter was also received from the Hon. Secretary to the Arrow Association, which is as follows:—

Arrowtown, Dec. 18, 1873.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., which I placed before our Committee last night. After discussing the matter, we came to the conclusion that your suggestion was not likely to succeed, for several reasons.

First, it would be very difficult to satisfy all parties as to any one bank. But we will allow that we have selected a bank, and all the gold is being sold there. Now, I will ask you, what is to prevent that bank dividing with the other banks (or, to put it to the worst, retailing it to them)? You must admit they are already combined, and are sure to work into each other's hands.

I think you will allow that in nine cases out of ten the individual miner is almost compelled to sell his gold to his storekeeper, so you will perceive it would be utterly impossible for him to pledge himself to sell his gold to the supposed bank.

However, although we view it in the light I have mentioned, it does not follow that you will not succeed, and I promise you that should the other Associations take up the matter, we will not be behind.

I have sent a copy of your letter to Moke Creek Association, likewise to Skippers, and would have sent one to Cardrona, only I heard you had already sent one.

I hope I shall hear from you soon, when you can let me know what the other Associations think of the matter. Till then,

I am, yours very truly,

THOS. F. FREWEN,

Hon. Sec. A.D.M.A.

To Charles Colclough, Esq.,

Hon. Sec. Cromwell Association.

Mr. Vaughan then brought under the notice of the Association that Mr. Perriam's application for four sections of land will close the Lowburn from mining, unless a water channel be cut out from the land.

A resolution was then carried on the motion of Mr. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Barker, that an objection be lodged on behalf of the Association against Mr. Perriam's application, on the ground that the purchase would include the outlet necessary for sludge, tailings, and roadway for the miners at Lowburn.

It was also resolved that Messrs Arkell and Vaughan send in the objection, and prosecute the same as far as may appear necessary.

A discussion then arose in reference to the new Mining Act which was likely to be brought before the House of Representatives at its next meeting; and it was resolved that the matter of declaring mining reserves be dealt with so as to give facilities for declaring them upon the recommendation of public bodies.

THE GOLD MONOPOLY.

INTERVIEW OF GOLD-FIELD MEMBERS WITH THE PREMIER.

On Wednesday three of the gold-fields representatives—Vincent Pyke (Wakatipu), J. R. Bradshaw (Mount Benger), and J. C. Brown (Tuapeka),—interviewed the Premier respecting the gold monopoly, and the recent unfair reduction in the price of gold. The facts of the case and the injustice which is being perpetrated on our gold producers were forcibly pointed out by these gentlemen. As a remedy, it was suggested that the Government should establish in Otago an assay office in connection with the Victorian Mint, the duty to be paid on results (i.e., sovereigns), and not on the crude gold. It was represented that if this course were adopted, it would enable the gold producers to obtain a full, fair price; for if the present buyers sought to maintain low prices, the miner could command his market by exporting his gold for coinage.

Mr. Vogel expressed his concurrence generally with the views of the deputation, and stated that the subject had already engaged his attention. He fully sympathised with the miners, and considered that even if a certain loss accrued to Government by so doing, measures should be taken to secure a fair minimum price for gold, below which it ought not to fall. He would gladly promote the object in view. He promised that he would at once place himself in communication with the Victorian authorities, and endeavour to obtain the establishment of a branch assay office in Dunedin, to which gold could be forwarded for assay, and if required, for transmission to the Victorian Mint. The General Government could also facilitate the proposal to send gold through the Receivers as an interim measure, if the Provincial Government would undertake to make the necessary arrangements for its transmission. He had no objection to the duty being collected on coined or assayed gold in lieu of collecting it on crude gold. There might be a legal difficulty, but if so, it could probably be got over.

Mr. Vogel suggested that the deputation should wait on his Honor the Superintendent to complete the business, which they proceeded to do. On arriving at the Provincial Buildings for that purpose, they were informed that the Executive were sitting, and that no arrangement for a sitting could then be made. The matter, therefore, now rests with the Provincial Government.—*Southern Mercury.*

A Literary Vagabond.

A prisoner named Cairns, who is an inmate of Lawrence gaol, where he awaits trial at the next Criminal Sessions there, lately made an attempt to relieve the authorities of his presence by breaking out. He so far succeeded as to remove a few bricks from a window-sill,—a matter which need not excite any surprise, if it be true, as we are assured it is, that the walls are built of condemned bricks bedded in sand. But the gaoler was too vigilant for him, and his attempt at an escape only resulted in his being more closely confined. The fellow made so sure of success, that, in anticipation thereof, he considerably wrote a farewell letter to the gaoler, Sergeant Titchener. This document we have seen. It is unique of its kind. At the top of the page there is a pen-and-ink drawing of a winged female holding a wreath. Underneath is the following precious effusion, addressed to "Sergeant Titchener, Foot Constable, Lawrence":—

Tuapeka, Dec. 20, 1873.

TO-MORROW.

What is life, but a struggle with sorrow,

A combat in which we are tried.

Our lives we may lose are the morrow;

Then where is our strength and our pride.

My dear Mr. Titchener—

I am grieved to the heart to leave you, but the best of friends must part; so must we.

I must embrace freedom once more, and take better care of it for the future.

After Christmas I will come and see you, believe me.

Remember me to all my inquiring friends. Friends will meet, but hills and hollows will never meet.

I send my best respects to you, Sergeant.

Believe me To Be,

Yours truly disabillint,

JOHN CAIRNS.

—*Southern Mercury.*

The Danger of Osculation.

The New York Court of Appeals has just affirmed the decision of the Brooklyn City Court in the case of *Homan v. Earle*. This decision practically abolishes kissing, in affixing thereto the penalty of matrimony at the discretion of the kisser. To thousands of gay butterflies and pretty innocents this news will be of deep and painful interest. The story of the case is the following:—A few months ago Miss Roxelana Homan brought a suit in our neighbouring city of breach of promise against Mr. Alexander Earle, a prosperous merchant. Mr. Earle imagined that before Roxelana could gain her case she must make the promise appear. He denied it, and rested calmly "just like a man" upon the law and logic of the matter. Miss Homan admitted there was no promise, verbal or written, but founded her claim upon the fact that Earle had frequently kissed her. While the unhappy man was congratulating himself upon his easy escape, his heart within him was turned to stone by these inconceivable words from the Bench, spoken by Judge Neilson, with measured accents, and low flapping ears. He charged that no words were necessary to constitute an engagement. "The gleam of the eye, and the touch of the lips," said this light of jurisprudence, "are overtures when they become frequent and protracted." The jury, always eager to do a thing which shall at once be idiotic and gallant, gave Roxelana 15,000 dollars for the wear and tear of her lips and affections.

Of course the case was appealed, and the higher tribunal has promptly confirmed the decision of the court below. It is therefore the law at this hour in the state of New York that if a bachelor kisses a spinster, said spinster may safely claim his lands or his goods. In cases where shyness and want of opportunity has prevented actual osculation, the young lady has still another string to her bow; if she can show that he has ever "shined his eye" in her direction, he is her lawful spoil, according to Judge Neilson. There is positively no protection for a bachelor except nose-bags and blind-bridles, and the ability to prove that he has never left them off. To this extent the future at least is secure. But how many bachelors can wake up in the night with the reflection that, like Sir Galahad, "they never felt the kiss of love, or maiden's hand in theirs?" If any such there be, sweet must be his sleep; but if in his memory lurks any record of early spoons, how harrowing must be the thought that he is the promised spouse of every girl he has ever idly saluted. There are young men to-day universally beloved and respected, the cynosures of Sunday-schools and the delight of evangelical tea parties, who in the clear vision of Judge Neilson are no better than Priam, King of Troy, or Brigham, Patriarch of Salt Lake.

The practical results of this momentous decision are appalling. No youth who values his liberty will suffer himself to be kissed except by a lady who can show her marriage certificate, and bring proof that her husband is living. With this exception, this soothing and humanising amusement must be confined to the domestic circle, and the young man of the future will be "doomed more sisterly salutes to feel, insipid things, like sandwiches of veal."—*New York Tribune.*

Murray's circus is at present performing in Dunedin.

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E. BRANDON.

Office of the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, Wellington, 4th December, 1873.

ALEXANDRA ANNUAL RACES.

(Dunedin Times.)

The annual race meeting on the Alexandra course, which ushered in the New Year, may in all fairness and justice be considered to have been an unqualified success. From a local point of view, one of our own having carried off the two principal races against a metropolitan crack, it was the *ne plus ultra* of meetings. The attendance of visitors was fully up to the average of previous years, and one and all apparently enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. The Stewards were thoroughly up to their business, and consequently everything went off "merrily as a marriage bell." The booth, under the superintendence of Mr McDonald, of the Criterion hotel, combined all the requisites for assuaging the thirst of the fever-heated multitude, and was liberally supported.

The following is a resume of the races:—

MAIDEN PLATE, of £7 10s. One mile.
Mr M'Donald's Don Cesar ... (Hughes) 1
Mr Jenkins' May Queen ... (Holt) 2
Mr Mumford's Florence ... (King) 3
Don proved himself a good horse, as at the half-mile post, when a great length behind, he pushed up, and passing his opponents, won hands down.

DISTRICT HANDICAP, of 20 sovs. Two miles.
Mr Rivers' Manx Boy ... (Holt) 1
Mr Ward's Sir Tatton ... (Hughes) 2
Mr Daggs' Boomerang ... 3
This was a good race, and won by Manx Boy without trouble.

HACK RACE, of £7 10s. Three-quarter mile heats. No weight under 10st.
Mr Batten's Bobby Burns ... 1 0
Mr Holt's Shepherd's Daughter ... 0 1 1
Mr Wilkins' Kathleen ... 0 2 2
This race should have fallen to Bobby Burns, but through a mishap to him in the second heat, whereby he was distanced.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP, of 15 sovs. One mile.
Mr Rivers' Wild Manx Boy ... (Holt) 1
Mr Ward's Sir Tatton ... 2
Mr Daggs' Boomerang ... 3
Manx Boy had this race in his hands from the first, and won as he liked.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP.
Boomerang ... 1
Sir Tatton ... 2

HOSPITAL RACE, of £6 10s.
Mr Carroll's Judy Callaghan ... 1
Mr King's Nelly ... 2
Only the two started, and made a good race, Judy being declared the winner.

The Port Darwin Gold-fields.

(Daily Times.)

On more than one occasion we have warned the miners in this Province against putting faith in the glowing reports circulated regarding the gold-fields in the Northern Territory of South Australia. Nevertheless, from time to time, men have been unable to resist the temptation of going to those gold-fields, and we have not heard of any of them being particularly enchanted with the change. It is now generally known that the highly-coloured accounts respecting the North Australian gold-fields emanated from Adelaide scrip-brokers; yet, despite the knowledge of this fact, a few of the miners still cling to their former belief. It may tend to remove their doubts if we quote a few statements recently made on the spot, at Palmerston, one of the townships that have sprung up there. In the newspaper just established there, we read an account of a meeting of miners, at which some very strong language was used by the speakers regarding the reports by which they had been induced to proceed thither. One of them declared that "It was not a gold country. There were no well-defined reefs; and the hills were all iron-stone. There was no alluvial gold, no proper reef, and no real diggings at all." These statements are reported to have been received with cheers, and the same speaker was also loudly applauded when he declared that "he had not seen five ounces of gold got in the Territory during the eighteen months he had been here." The other speakers delivered themselves in a similar strain. One of them said: "It was a country of ants, flies, and starvation, and men would be fools to remain here. There were no diggings, and the whole thing was got up by promoters who wanted to float companies and swindle the public." On the other side, while the non-existence of alluvial diggings is not denied, it is alleged that there are reefs, but it is admitted that very little has been done to develop them, and also that share-swindling has been rife. When these admissions are placed in juxtaposition to the oft-repeated assertions of rich crushings and protestations of *bona fides* with which the Adelaide journals have teemed for months past, one may be pardoned for doubting whether payable gold exists at all in the Northern Territory. But even if credence be given to the statement that payable reefs have been found there, no reason now remains for anyone believing in the existence of alluvial diggings. That bubble is fairly burst, and should therefore deceive no one. It is now evident that any Otago miners who go to seek their fortunes there must be prepared to go in for reefing, and that with very problematical results. If these facts be generally recognised, we do not think we shall lose many more of our miners.

There is a Chinese proverb to the effect that "he who leaves first gets the best hat." The results obtained by a party of three miners at Whitechapel Flat, Arrow, (says the *Observer*), for three and a half weeks' sluicing prior to their Christmas washing-up, were 124 ozs. 5 dwts.

AUSTRALIAN TELEGRAMS.

(From the Dunedin dailies.)

MELBOURNE, December 24.

The principal interest is at present centred in the approaching cricket match on Friday. The English cricketers since their arrival have been practising assiduously in the presence of admiring crowds, including the Governor. The Victorians have selected a very strong eighteen. They feel confident of making a good score against the Englishmen. Colonels Ward and Humphrey are the respective umpires. Interest is very great, and if the weather is fine 200,000 (?) spectators will be present during the match.

It is intensely hot weather. Much damage has been done by bush fires.

At speech day in the public schools the Governor made a good speech on the subject of education.

A young man named Crosslenson was murdered and burned near Sandhurst.

The rate of discount is raised one per cent. J. F. Martley, barrister and ex-solicitor for the Government, died suddenly.

The Great Britain has arrived, 57 days out. She brings 700 passengers.

The Rifle Association prizes were presented at the Town Hall, by the Governor, on the 19th. In presenting the New Zealand war medals, he paid a very high compliment to the recipients for their services.

The will of the late A. Robertson, squatter, was lately proved under £242,000.

The Clunes rioters, charged with committing assault, were fined £5 each.

The Minister of Lands lately forfeited a number of licensed squatters' runs, on the ground of dummyism; likewise several thousand acres of selected land.

Valuable consignments of racing stock have been received at Melbourne and Sydney.

A large number of drownings have occurred in the Yarra.

Jarvis was hanged yesterday for the murder of Moggeridge. He confessed the justice of his sentence.

Rochefort and 400 other exiles have arrived at New Caledonia.

Bush fires have created destruction among sheep and crops in South Australia.

Gosse, the explorer, has discovered a fine country towards Western Australia.

Challenge Extraordinary.

The method of advertising travelling-shows most in vogue this season seems to be by extraordinary-sized posters of all colours, and issuing challenge programmes. The following is part of the programme of John Smith, proprietor of the Phoenix Great Western, Oil Wagon Combination Show:—I will bet 100,000 dols. that I have the largest show ever seen in the world, that I have four times as many animals as Mr Noah had in his menagerie, and also many specimens not included in his collection; 50,000 dols. that I have more ferocious beasts and animals than any second-rate Chicago boarding-house or hotel; 300,000 dols. that my performers receive more salary than the president, all the congressmen and representatives put together, including back and front pay; 120,000 dols. that I have among many chariots the one in which Pharaoh was riding when overwhelmed by the Red Sea; also two that passed through the siege of New Orleans (donated to me by General Butler and others); 5 dols. that I have more cheek than any man in the business, and 10 dols. given to anyone who will take the bet. In conclusion, I would say that I am not a betting man—nor a gambler, but if any clergyman or regular deacon, wherever my show exhibits, desires to indulge in a weak game of "old draw," I will play him, at a "dollar ante," the proceeds to be devoted to charitable objects.—*St. Louis Democrat*.

A £30,000 Man!

A most extraordinary case is reported from Sale to the Melbourne *Argus*. As that well known and valuable officer, Inspector Kabat, was on his way to Stockyard Creek, he halted at a half-way house, known as "The German's," and whilst there, overheard a man with a cart conversing with the landlord in German. Some of the man's remarks were so startling that he joined in the conversation, and learned that the traveller, named Schink, was, with his wife, in the employment of Mr Bath, a squatter, of Cherry Tree Flat Station. The man and his wife were under a six months' engagement, but had only served six weeks, and his complaint was that the rations served out to the hands were putrid in a shocking degree. Some of the meat was in the cart at the time, and the stench proceeding from the vehicle was awful. If a bullock died of pleuro, or a sheep of fluke, it was served out as rations to the station hands; and the most extraordinary part of the story is, that Mr Bath, though worth £30,000, would eat the same carrion himself. The hands were lodged in the most wretched huts, a couple of sacks being placed on the bare earth for a bed, with little or no covering of any sort. Both as to the putrid meat and the wretched lodging, Bath justified himself by saying what was good enough for him was good enough for the hands. A summons having been granted against Mr Bath, Inspector Kabat proceeded to the station to execute it, and upon entering the kitchen discovered quantities of the putrid flesh hanging up, "the stench from which was horrible." Subsequently to receiving the letter from Sale, the *Argus* received a telegram, stating that the case had been heard before the Magistrates, by whom it was dismissed; on the ground that Bath swore the filthy carrion

was for his own use! The same telegram states that the case of a boy who had been licensed to Bath from the training-ship Nelson was then heard. "The boy's clothing and bedding were in a filthy state. His sleeping-place was a filthy bark hut, with open walls and roof, and wet floor. The boy in winter had only two old bags and a piece of old blanket for bed and covering. Again did the £30,000 man urge the old plea—"it is good enough for me to sleep in, and good enough for him." The sapient magistrates admitted the plea, and dismissed the information. Surely this morose maniac ought to have been sent to the Lunatic Asylum; but in that case, where ought the Sale Magistrates to go?

The Man who Carried his Point.

(Dunbury Newsman.)

The following ridiculous story is told of a neighbouring committee man. The evening before the day on which he was to pay an official visit to the school, his wife put a new ceiling in his pants, and accidentally left the needle where she did the work.

Arriving at the school he stiffly returned the salutation of the polite teacher, and majestically settled into the "company chair." It didn't seem to the most acute observer that he had but just touched the chair, when he at once began to ascend. A wave of perplexed pain passed over his face, as his hand soothingly parted his coat tails. The look of blank surprise of the teacher drew from him the blushing explanation that he *never* could sit on a "cane seat." A wooden chair was at once offered him, into which he dropped almost as quickly as he got out of it again. The instant he struck on his feet, he shook his fist angrily in the face of the astounded tutor, and hoarsely shouting,—"I kin whip the pewserlaneremus man what stuck the pin in them cheeks," he caught up his hat and fled home.

"Lord, Eben!" exclaimed his wife, as he tore into the house. "What's the matter with you?"

"Matter!" shouted the infuriated man, as he snatched off his coat and flung it out of the window, "I have been made the fool of the entire district by that sneaking teacher," and his Sunday hat flew through another window. "Pins stuck into my cheer as I was a settin' down as onuspishus like as I am a settin' down in my own—"

"Lucretia!" he ominously howled, as he sprang out of that chair, and spasmodically went for the wounded parts with both hands, "you're foolin' with your best friend now, and he ain't in the hamour to stand the triflin'."

In an instant it flashed into the good lady's mind what the trouble really was. In the next instant Eben's nether garment was over her arm, and there—there in the midst of the repairs glistened the source of all the annoyance.

The unfortunate man gave one brief stare at the evil thing, and falteringly remarked as he thought of the future, "I'd agin twenty dollars, Lucretia, if you hadn't found it."

SELECTED POETRY.

THE CASTAWAY.

A couple of years since the body of a man was found on the destitute shores of the West Coast of this Province. It was that of some shipwrecked sailor who had escaped the sea to linger to death on land. The remains of a roughly-built hut stood near where the body had been found, and other evidences showed that the castaway must have lived some months upon this lonely shore. In the hut was picked up a pocket-book containing a photograph and a few memoranda, useless for identification, and on a couple of leaves the following:—

I see not the ocean spreading,
But I hear its gentle sighing;
For the pathway of death I'm treading;
I am weary and weak and dying.
Yet in mine ears are whispers,
Yet in my thoughts I see
Pictures of light the brightest
Faded and dead for me.
Soft lips are sweetly singing,
Ah, love, can I love you more?
And 'tis but the plashing wavelet
The wind on the low, lone shore.

I see not the skies above me,
Deepening in heavenward blue;
And mine eyes for ever are darkening—
The moments of life are few.
Yet in my mind are fancies;
Fancies of by-gone years,
A mother over me bending,
My brow is wet with tears;
Words in mine ears grow fainter,
Lost in the sea breeze roar,
And 'tis but the plashing wavelet,
The wind on the low, lone shore.

Now swift to mine eyes are rising,
Rising through death's dark veil,
Weird phantoms of former fancies,
Shadowy, misty, pale,
Each as it comes is fading,
Lost in the dense dim gloom,
That over the evildim mantling,
Curtains the dreary tomb,
Hearing and sight both fading,
Vanish with life that is o'er;
Gone is the plashing wavelet,
The wind on the low, lone shore.

A. NEUTCHUM.

One of the great advantages derived by residents at Port Darwin is the small price an entire suit of clothing can be obtained for. Linen trousers and light flannels, with a white hat and umbrella, form the usual outfit; but cotton jumpers and Turkish panjams are sometimes worn.

MISCELLANEA.

Late cablegrams announce the death of the Queen Dowager of Prussia, and of Professor Agassiz, the great naturalist.

At a meeting held in Melbourne the other day, one of the speakers stated that the Frederick the Great claim, Bendigo, was giving profits from £50,000 to £100,000 a year.

At the Vienna Exhibition may be seen specimens of bonnets and hats made of glass. The hat is made of loose pieces of glass, fastened closely together by a gutta-percha band, which allows it to conform to the head. Inside there is a lining of silk, and the trimmings are various, being for the most part birds and flowers. A bonnet made of glass weighs but a few ounces, is, very durable, because rain cannot spot it, and the cost therefore is small.

Some of the quartz at New Zealand Gully (central Queensland) is said to possess peculiar chemical properties. For instance, when left in a tin or iron dish it speedily corrodes the metal and eats its way through. A Sydney assayer, to whom samples were sent, described the ore as chlorine of silver containing gold in large quantities. He states that the only way to treat it will be by subjecting the whole mass to hydrogen gas, so as liberate the chlorine, as it cannot otherwise be amalgamated.

A fatal accident is reported from Golden Bay, Nelson, as having occurred on December 29. Charles Lewis, the son of a surveyor, was on a haystack, and Michael Campion was forking hay up to him. Campion joked and irritated Lewis, who said he would come down and make him stop. Preparatory to getting down, Lewis threw down his fork, which pierced Campion's stomach, and he died four hours later, exonerating Lewis from blame. At the Coroner's inquest, the jury returned a verdict of "manslaughter" against Lewis.

The *Daily Times* learns that Bishop Moran has purchased the freehold of Mr M. Murphy's property in the Halfway Bush district, consisting of between 60 and 70 acres, on which stands an excellent house surrounded by well laid out and planted grounds. With the property, there also go the stock and farm appliances. It is Bishop Moran's intention to make the place a conventual establishment, and to remove the boarding-school from the convent at Dunedin, to the former place, while the female day-school taught by the nuns will still be kept up by them in its present place. The property purchased from Mr Murphy consists of the house and land formerly belonging to Mr Morse, and two adjoining freeholds. It is one of the few remaining large properties within 30 minutes' walk of the centre of the city, and is a very choice selection. Extensive additions are to be made at once to the buildings.

A correspondent of the New York *Graphic* lately suggested that in order to have a light to read the instruments in the proposed ocean balloon, a supply of fireflies should be obtained. They have two bright spots on their thorax, and also brilliant rings on the abdomen. They give light sufficient to enable one to read at a little distance. Two or three placed in the centre of the room will shed a soft light all over it. They are very common in Havannah, Brazil, Guiana, and Mexico. In these countries, as people travel mostly by night to escape the heat of the day, they affix these little creatures to their shoes, which gives them light to see their road and frighten away the snakes. Mexican ladies use them as jewels; they tie them in little gauze bags and put them in their hair and on their clothing. They keep them in very fine wire cages, and feed them on scraps of sugar cane.

The Melbourne *Telegraph* makes some original observations upon the question of marriage with a deceased wife's sister. In a novel and original manner it asks the question whether widowers instead of being prevented from marrying their deceased spouse's sisters should not be debarred from marrying anyone, and it gives similar reasons to those urged by Dr Wines, the American Penal Commissioner, in his report on juvenile delinquency, who, speaking of second marriages, says, "In how large a number of cases second marriage is the immediate cause of crime and vagrancy among children. Wives," he goes on to say, "will shelter an orphan for years, but the bearing with the faults of a step-child belongs to a range of virtues to which they seldom attain. Bitter quarrels spring up between the step-sons and step-daughters and the mother; and whether the father sides with the children or the wife the result is just the same. The house becomes a kind of Pandemonium, and the girls rush desperately forward to the wild life of the streets, and the boys prefer the roaming existence of the city Arabs to a stepmother's home. Thus it happens," says Dr Wines, "that step-children among poor are so often criminal and outcast." There is probably only too much truth in all this, and what is true of large American cities is also true of Auckland, Canterbury, or Otago.

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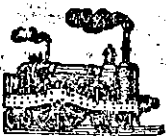
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No organ in the human body is so liable to disorder as the liver, and none is more apt, when neglected, to become seriously diseased. When nausea, flatulency, or acidity on the stomach, warns us that digestion is not proceeding properly, Holloway's Pills regulate every function, give strength to every organ, speedily remove all causes of indigestion, bile, and sick headaches, and effect a permanent cure.

Lumbago, Rheumatism, and Gout.

In these diseases, the blood is always in a highly inflammatory state; the stomach is also disordered, and the liver and kidneys unaccountably torpid. A few doses of these Pills, taken in time, will rectify all these symptoms by their cooling and purifying properties.

Holloway's Pills are the best Remedy known in the world for the following diseases:—

Ague	Inflammation
Asthma	Jaundice
Bilious Complaints	Liver Complaints
Blisters on the Skin	Lumbago
Bowel Complaints	Rheumatism
Cold	Retention of Urine
Constipation of the Bowels	Scrofula, or King's Evil
Dysentery	Sore Throat
Erysipelas	Stone and Gravel
Female Irregularities	Secondary Symptoms
Fever of all kinds	Tie Polax
Fits	Tumours
Gout	Ulcers
Headache	Venereal Affections
Indigestion	Worms of all kinds
	Weakness, from whatever cause
	&c. &c. &c.

*** There is a considerable saving by taking the larger sizes.

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